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In re Patent No. 6,149,846  
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Application No. 09/345,725  
Filed: July 1, 1999  
Attorney Docket No. 71963-7  
For: METHOD OF MIXING COMPONENTS IN  
A NON-INTERMESHING TWIN SCREW  
COMPOUNDER FOR INJECTION MOLDING

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed May 6, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the 3 ½ year maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued November 21, 2000. The grace period for paying the 3 ½ year maintenance fee expired at midnight on November 21, 2004. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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